Delivery deaths

†574. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths of women during delivery in the rural areas during last year, State-wise alongwith district-wise details of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government would increase the number of obstetricians in the rural areas to reduce the number of delivery deaths in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Data on the number of deaths during delivery in the rural areas during last year, State-wise alongwith district-wise details of Madhya Pradesh is not available. However, Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) for India and the major States for the year 1997 and 1998 as estimated by the Registrar General of India is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme is being implemented in all States/Union Territories of the country with the objective of bringing down infant and maternal mortality. Under this programme, various interventions focused on reducing maternal deaths through provision of essential obstetric care and emergency obstetric care are being implemented. The interventions include provision for hiring of doctors for visiting PHCs and CHCs once a week for providing these services to pregnant women; provision of funds for 24 hours delivery services at selected primary health centres and community health centre; provision of contractual staff like staff nurses and additional health workers; hiring of anaesthetists for helping in emergency obstetric care and provision of referral transport for pregnant women with complications of pregnancies. Funds are also provided to the States for undertaking training of *Dais* for improving the safe deliveries at home level.

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Statement

Maternal Mortality Rate

India and Bigger States

(Source: RGI, SRS, 1997, 1998)

Major State	MMR (1997)	MMR (1998)
India	408	407
Andhra Pradesh	154	150
Assam	401	409
Bihar	451	452
Gujarat	29	28
Haryana	105	103
Karnataka	195	195
Kerala	195	198
Madhya Pradesh	498	498
Maharashtra	135	135
Orissa	361	367
Punjab	196	199
Rajasthan	677	670
Tamil Nadu	76	79
Uttar Pradesh	707	707
West Bengal	264	266

National Polio Eradication Programme

†575. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Polio Eradication Programme being run in the country on a large scale has not achieved desired success; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Polio Eradication Programme run in the country has achieved the desired result. There is a steady decline in the number of Polio cases year after year since the inception of Pulse Polio Eradication

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